

SCIS | Singapore College
of Islamic Studies

**Shaping your
undergraduate journey**



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A word from us

Assalaamu'alaikum wr. wb.

Dear fellow seekers of knowledge,

Making your decision on where to study and pursue an Islamic studies degree is an exciting milestone but also a challenging one.

The next few years will shape your outlook not just on faith and practice, but also on community, society, work and life. University education must prepare you adequately and holistically, to give you the best outlook and strong foundations to succeed and thrive.

That is why we are very excited to be able to offer you a diverse programme in a new institution, that places you and your aspirations right at its heart.

The Singapore College of Islamic Studies (SCIS) is our community's own institution of higher learning — a place where you can pursue a university degree in Islamic Studies, grow as an individual, and build a fulfilling career in service of community and society.

SCIS is a local institution, but global in its outlook and reach, where we partner with renowned institutions in the Muslim world. It will offer you the best of both worlds: a globally recognised education, right at home.

SCIS will open new horizons for you, as you find opportunities to learn, to lead, and to leave your mark. We hope you will be part of this journey to build a great future for you and the community, together with us.

Dr Nazirudin Mohd Nasir
Mufti of Singapore

About SCIS

SCIS is a proud milestone for Singapore's Muslim community. For the first time, students can pursue a complete pathway of Islamic education, from madrasah all the way to a world-class institution of higher learning, right here at home.

Grounded in Islamic tradition and enriched by interdisciplinary knowledge, SCIS is designed to nurture graduates who are deeply rooted in their faith while being fully equipped to engage with the challenges of our modern, multicultural world.

Your journey starts here

Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies programme

Our vision, your growth

SCIS educational philosophy

The **Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies programme** aims to nurture future-ready asatizah who are firmly grounded in Islamic intellectual traditions and guided by the core values of compassion, wisdom, integrity, and service to humanity.

You will build a deep foundation in Islamic intellectual traditions while gaining the tools to engage confidently with the world around you, including digital literacy and research skills to cross-cultural communication and critical thinking.

With an up-to-date robust curriculum strengthened by educational technology and the ethical and intentional use of artificial intelligence (AI), SCIS will offer a distinctive interdisciplinary approach to Islamic studies, organised around five key themes: God, Society, Family, State and Governance, and Science and Technology.



برنامج البكالوريوس في الدراسات الإسلامية
Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies
programme

What makes this undergraduate programme unique?

You will learn within Singapore's unique context, explore Southeast Asian Muslim experiences, and gain international exposure that broadens your perspective. Learning in SCIS is active, applied, and reflective, because the growth happens when you are genuinely engaged.

Whether you are navigating complex social issues, connecting with diverse Muslim communities, or stepping onto the global stage, you will be ready.

By the time you graduate, you would not just have a degree. You will have the values, skills, and confidence to lead, serve, and make a meaningful difference, in Singapore and beyond.



The SCIS approach

Rooted in Islamic traditions

Emphasises deep engagement with Islam's rich intellectual heritage, whilst developing proficiency in the Arabic language and scholarly methodologies.



Contextualised

Equips students to understand and apply Islamic principles within specific social, cultural, historical and political settings, while maintaining the integrity and flexibility of the Shariah.



Interdisciplinary

Integrates multiple disciplines, both within the Islamic and non-religious sciences, for a holistic understanding of Islam and life and for addressing complex contemporary issues.



Spiritual & moral resilience

Nurtures students' deep relationship with God and the scriptural sources, cultivating graduates who are spiritually strong, morally anchored and capable of navigating contemporary challenges with clarity, humility and purpose.



Employability & professionalism

Prepares students for meaningful careers in religious and adjacent sectors through workshops and practical experiences that build employability and future-ready competencies.

Applied

Combines theoretical knowledge with practical experience through case studies, hands-on engagements via internships and service learning and integrating knowledge across disciplines, cultures and contexts.



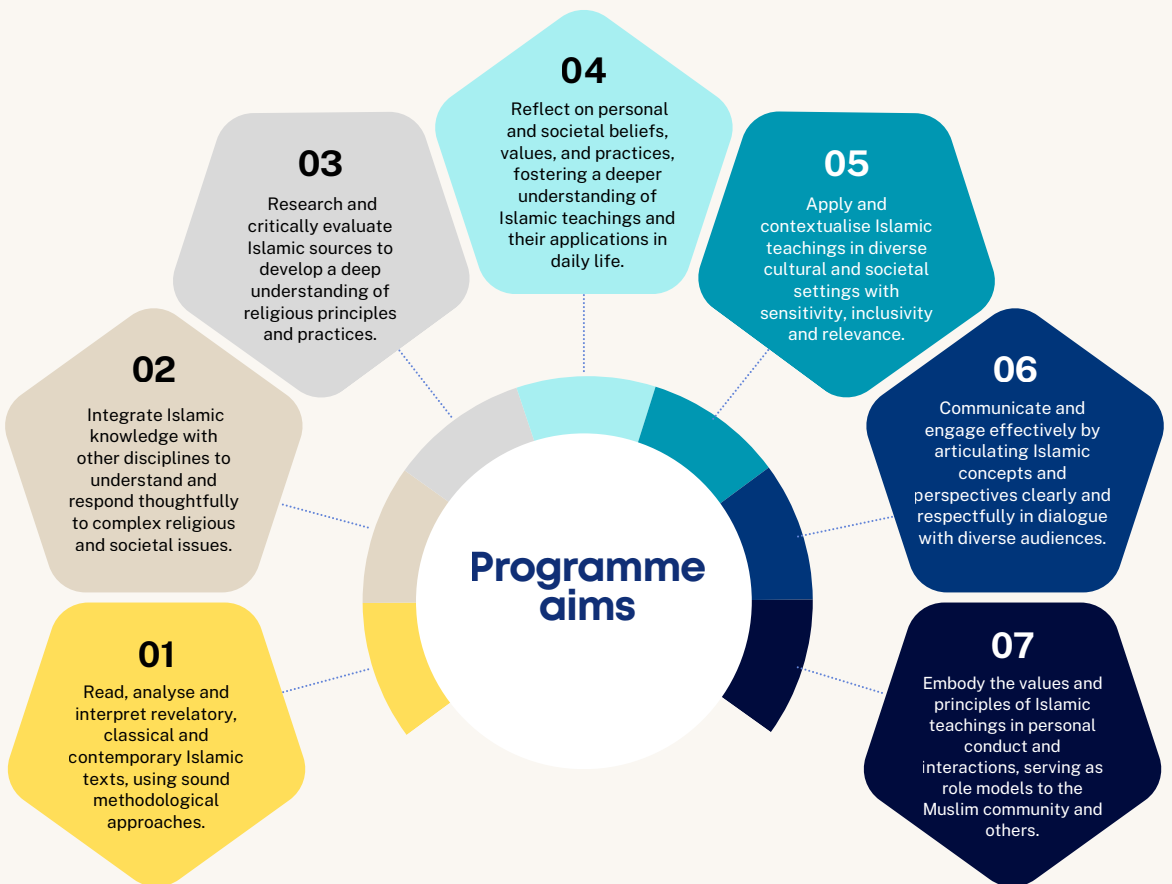
Learner-centred

Focuses on creating inclusive learning environments that balance structured guidance with student agency, supporting their intellectual, spiritual, emotional and social development.



SCIS undergraduate programme aims

The Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies programme aims to develop graduates who are able to:



Attributes of SCIS graduates

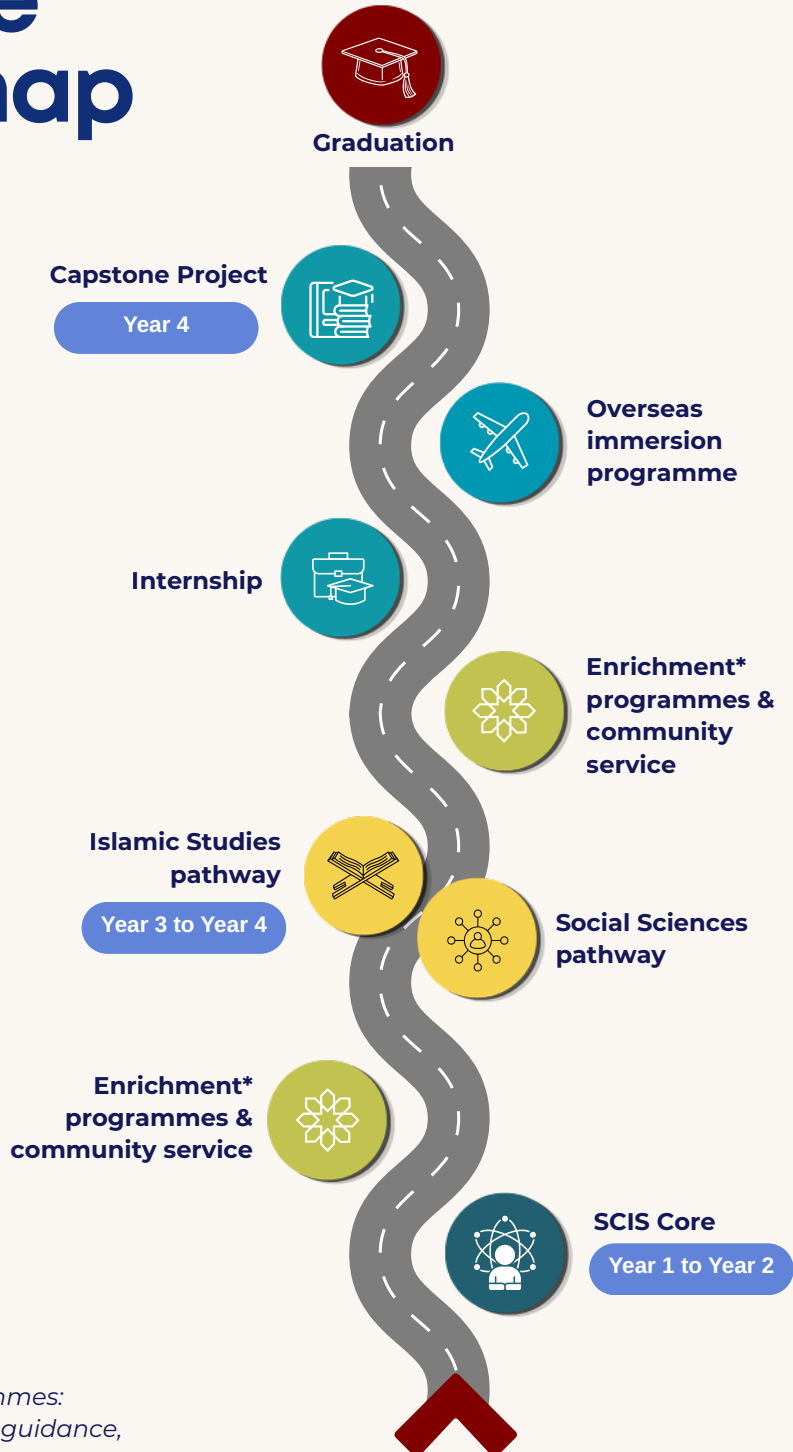
SCIS graduates will embody the following core attributes:



Degree roadmap

Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies

The roadmap for the 4-year undergraduate programme at SCIS



*Enrichment programmes: CCA, halaqah, career guidance, mentorship, workshops, etc.

Personalise your route

Year 1 & Year 2

1 Core
Build your foundations

Integrated Islamic Studies

Academic and Language Skills

Introductory Social Sciences

Year 3 & Year 4

2 Pathway
Choose your pathway

Islamic Studies Pathway

Social Sciences Pathway

3 Track
Enter into your interest and passion

Shariah, Theology, Scriptures

Psychology, Counselling, Social Work

4 Specialisation
Design your specialisation

e.g. Fatwa Studies, Quranic Studies, Interfaith Studies

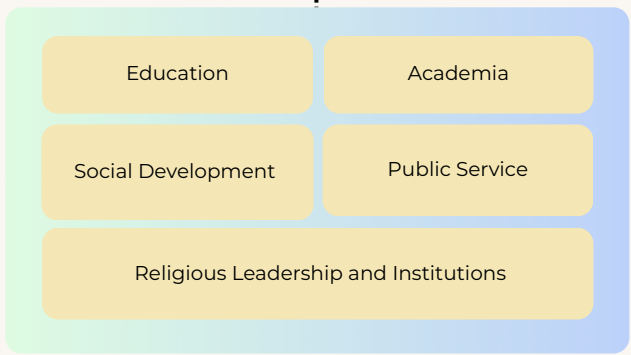
e.g. Youth and Childhood, Organisational Psychology, Elderly Care

5 Graduate
Attain your degree and transcript with ARS Tier 1 certification

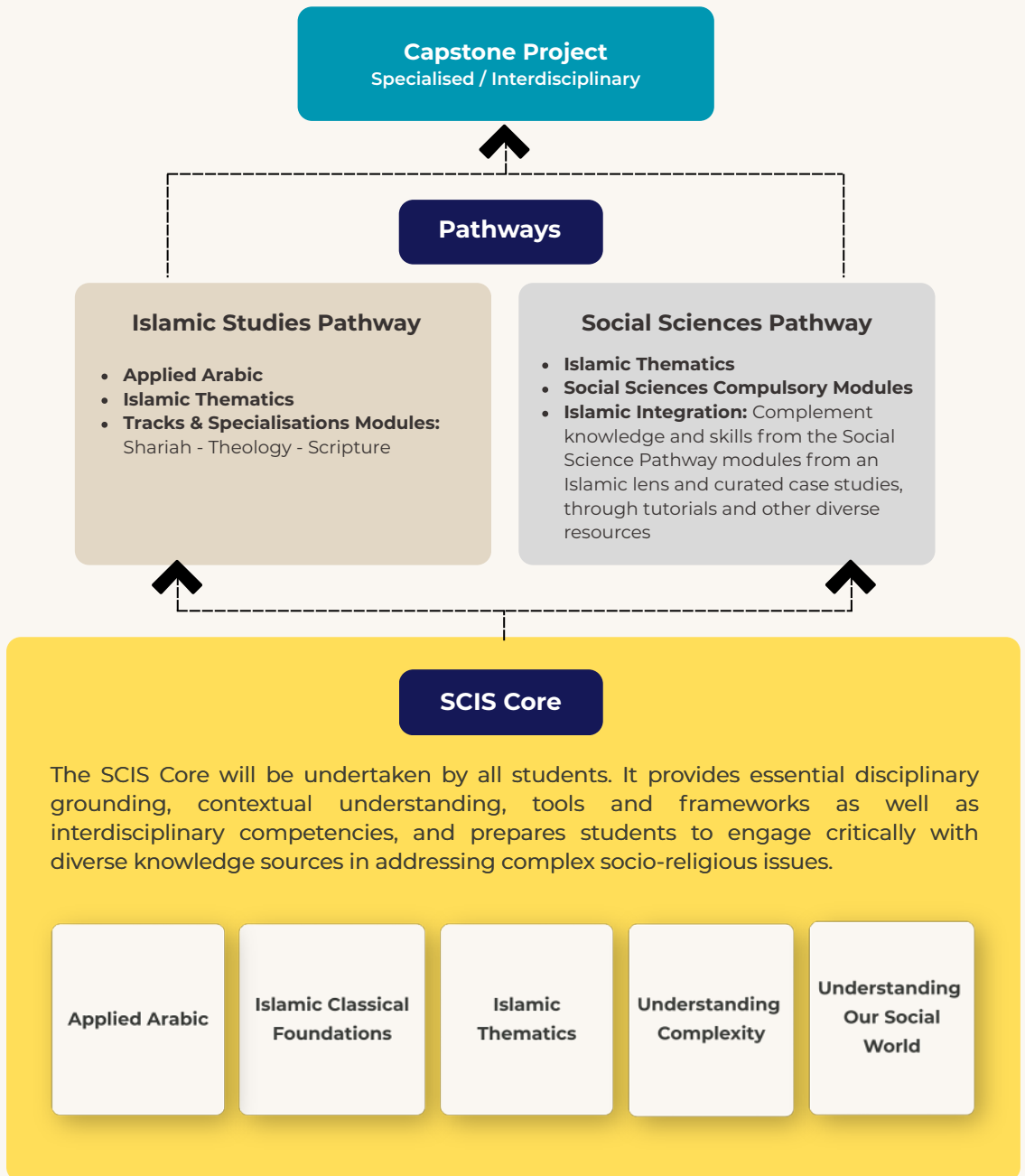
B.A. in Islamic Studies
e.g. Shariah

B.A. in Islamic Studies
e.g. Psychology

6 Career
Step into a world of opportunities



Your undergraduate journey



SCIS Core

Applied Arabic

These modules build students' ability to understand and use Arabic, especially for reading classical and contemporary Islamic texts. Students develop skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, allowing them to engage more directly with original Arabic sources and communicate effectively.

Islamic Classical Foundations

Modules in this category introduce key Islamic principles, values, and methods for interpreting and applying religious texts and traditions.

Modules include: *Maqasid al-Shari'ah*; *Qawa'id al-Fiqhiyyah*; *Usul al-Fiqh*; *'Ulum al-Qur'an* and *'Ulum al-Hadith*; *Ilm al-Kalam*.

Islamic Thematics

The Islamic Thematics are organised around key themes such as God, Family, Society, State and Governance, and Science and Technology. Students explore real-life issues and key concepts by examining how Islamic sciences interact with other disciplines. Through this interdisciplinary approach, they learn to apply Islamic knowledge and develop thoughtful, practical responses to complex challenges.

Modules include: Our Place in God's Universe; Family Institution in Islam; Islam, Science and Technology, and etc.

Understanding Complexity

Modules in this category introduce students to socio-religious issues that are complex and cannot be understood from a single perspective. Students learn the importance of interdisciplinary thinking in Islamic studies.

Modules include: Understanding Complexity through Interdisciplinary Frameworks; Foundational Social Science for Islamic Studies.

Understanding Our Social World

Modules in this category help students understand the society they live in, including social, cultural, and political influences.

Modules include: Living with Community; Religion and Society; Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving, and etc., offered in collaboration with SUSS

**Module titles are preliminary and subject to change.*

Beyond the classroom

Your learning will not be limited within the walls of the College. From meaningful community service to global immersion, every experience is designed to bring out the best version of yourself holistically, spiritually, personally and professionally.

01

Leadership development

Build the skills that matter beyond the classroom; ethical leadership, public speaking, and the confidence to serve your community.

02

Internship

Step into the professional world through a mandatory internship tailored to your interests and career goals.

03

Halaqah & spiritual growth

Sit with visiting scholars, memorise Quranic chapters and hadith, and nourish your spiritual foundation alongside your academic one.

04

Community service

Give back through meaningful community service, putting your values into action right here at home.

05

Overseas immersion

You may choose from SCIS partners, Dar al-Ifta al-Misriyyah in Egypt, Al-Qarawiyyin University in Morocco, and the University of Jordan, and experience Islamic scholarship on a global scale.



Our partner institutions

Dar al-Ifta al-Misriyyah, Egypt

01



- Islamic studies
- Special sessions with scholars
- Language programmes
- Cultural immersion

University of Jordan (UJ)



- Islamic studies
- Special sessions with scholars
- Language programmes
- Cultural immersion

02

Bachelors of Arts in Islamic Studies



- Interdisciplinary learning
- Socialisation and networking with SUSS Students
- Enhanced adaptability & employability
- Stackable modules
- Social sciences

04

Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)



- Islamic studies
- Special sessions with scholars
- Language programmes
- Cultural immersion

03

Al-Qarawiyyin University, Morocco

Our Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel ensures the College's relevance in contemporary religious education and research by providing expert guidance on global trends affecting Muslims, particularly in secular and advanced economies. Matters of faith and religious teachings remain firmly under the stewardship of distinguished Islamic scholars, led by the Mufti. The Panel also draws on the expertise of professionals in various institutions of higher learning to advise on educational standards, offer strategic direction for programmes, and identify essential skills for future religious leaders. This approach keeps the College's initiatives cutting-edge, internationally aligned, and effective in nurturing future Islamic scholars and leaders in a global context.



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References



SCIS

The following SCIS booklet documents our first step in this journey to build the foundation for the SCIS.



RPCS

The Research Programme in the Study of Muslim Communities of Success (RPCS) is the dedicated research arm of the College.



PCICS

The Postgraduate Certificate in Islam in Contemporary Societies (PCICS) aims to nurture a generation of confident, compassionate, and competent professional asatizah.

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